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SB 698: An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Purpose Of Installing Safety Signs And Signals To  
Warn Tractor-Trailer Operators Of Low Bridges And Improvements  
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SB 695: An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Rehabilitation Of The Flax Mill Lane Bridge In  
Milford

February 4, 2013

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Honorable members of the Transportation Committee:

I present this letter in support of bills SB 698, An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Purpose Of Installing Safety Signs And Signals To Warn Tractor-Trailer Operators Of Low Bridges And Improvements, and SB 695, An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Rehabilitation Of The Flax Mill Lane Bridge In Milford. Both of these bills impact the quality of life in the district that I represent.

SB 698 seeks to correct a pressing safety issue in downtown Milford. As more and more drivers rely solely on their GPS, we are witnessing town truck drivers who are unfamiliar with the local roads driving their trucks in to the rail road bridge at River Street. Last year on March 27, 2012, and again on August 22, 2012, a truck became lodged under the bridge at River Street, causing traffic congestion downtown and damage to the trucks. Improved signage would help to alleviate this problem.

SB 695 seeks to provide funds to rehabilitate a bridge that is seeing increasing use due to a number of new housing developments in the northern end of Milford. Flax Mill Lane provides access from North Street to Wolf Harbor Road and the Merit and Wilbur Cross Parkways. This road is utilized by residents of the north end of Milford as well as residents of Orange. It has been over 20 years since any work has been done on this bridge.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these two bills.

Regards,  
James Maroney

# Tractor Trailer Stuck at River Street Bridge

It is not the first time this has happened this year. It's not the second, either.

- By Ryan Sartor
- August 22, 2012



## Photos



12' 3", that's the maximum height for passing vehicles according a sign on the River Street Bridge.

Another tractor trailer has hit the bridge, becoming stuck and slowing down traffic slightly in Downtown Milford.

Milford Police received a call at 9:53 a.m. about the incident.

Metro North confirmed that the incident has not affected traffic and that all trains are running on or close to schedule.

Hat-tip to Milford Patch contributor Priscilla Lynn who first informed us of the incident.

<http://milford.patch.com/articles/tractor-trailer-stuck-at-river-street-bridge>

<http://milford.patch.com/articles/tractor-trailer-hits-river-street-bridge-again>